GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Commercial Taxes, Forest and Transport Departments – Surprise Check conducted over the Integrated Check Post, Naraharipeta, Chittoor District in the intervening night of 26/27-07-2014 – Allegations of Corruption – Common disciplinary proceedings initiated – Inquiry under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Article of Charges framed against Sri K.Ramesh Babu, Forest Section Officer, Forest Department - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE – II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.1240 Date : 03-12-2015
Read :

G.O.Ms.No.458, Revenue (Vigilance – II) Department, dated: 03-12-2015.

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O R D E R :

In continuation of the orders issued under Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 in the reference read above, it is considered necessary to hold an enquiry against Sri K.Ramesh Babu, Forest Section Officer, (Suspected Officer-4) Forest Department, Integrated Check Post, Naraharipeta, Chittoor District under Rule 20 of the said rules.

2. The substance of the imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I) and the imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of witnesses by whom and the list of documents by which the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri K.Ramesh Babu, Forest Section Officer, (Suspected Officer-4) Forest Department, Integrated Check Post, Naraharipeta, Chittoor District is directed to submit within ten days of the receipt of this order a written statement of his defense.

4. He is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri K.Ramesh Babu, Forest Section Officer, (Suspected Officer-4) Forest Department, Integrated Check Post, Naraharipeta, Chittoor District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para 2 above, or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders / directions issued in pursuance of the said rules the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

6. Attention of Sri K.Ramesh Babu, Forest Section Officer, (Suspected Officer-4) Forest Department, Integrated Check Post, Naraharipeta, Chittoor District is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJEYA KALLAM
SPECIAL CHIEF SECREATARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri K.Ramesh Babu, Forest Section Officer, Forest Department, Integrated Check Post, Naraharipeta, Chittoor District (Enclosed Annexures I to IV)
through the Environment Forest Science &Technology, Forest (Vigilance) Department, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat,Hyderabad.
(with a request to serve the order on the individual and send the served copy with dated signature to Government)

Copy to

1.The Chief Conservator of Forest, Forest Department, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
2.The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner,
Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.
3.The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
4. The Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Department, Chittoor District.

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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE – I

ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI M.RAMESH BABU, AGE 57 YRS, FOREST SECTION OFFICER, INTEGRATED CHECK POST, NARAHARIPETA, CHITTOOR DISTRICT.

That Sri M.Ramesh Babu, having joined Government service as Forest Beat Officer on 06-12-1984 in Forest Department and got promoted as Forest Section Officer on 23-11-2012. He worked in the above capacities at various places in Chittoor District. He worked as Forest Section Officer, Integrated Check Post, Naraharipeta Chittoor District from 23-11-2012 to 27-07-2014. While he was working as Forest Section Officer, Integrated Check Post, Naraharipeta, Chittoor District from 23-11-2012 to 27-07-2014, he has committed grave misconduct in as much as his particulars are not at all noted during the shift period in the attendance register, but on physical verification he is found present. On questioning by the DSP as to why he did not enter his attendance in the register, he stated that he came late to the check post as such he failed to enter his attendance on the date of surprise check and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) and (2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus, Sri M.Ramesh Babu by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty, conduct unbecoming of a Government servant and thereby contravened Rule 3 (1) and (2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE - II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT AND MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED SRI M.RAMESH BABU, AGE 57 YRS, FOREST SECTION OFFICER , INTEGRATED CHECK POST ,NARAHARIPETA, CHITTOOR DISTRICT.

Sri M.Ramesh Babu is a native of Tirupati Town , Chittoor District. His date of birth is 04-10-1957. He entered into Government service as Forest Beat Officer on 06-12-1984 in Forest Department and got promoted as Forest Section Officer on 23-11-2012. He worked in the above capacities at various places in Chittoor District. He worked as Forest Section Officer, Integrated Check Post, Naraharipeta Chittoor District from 23-11-2012 to 27-07-2014. While he was working as Forest Section Officer, Integrated Check Post, Naraharipeta , Chittoor District, from 23-11-2012 to 27-07-2014. He was drawing a basic pay of Rs.11,125/- in Scale of Pay Rs.5,470/- to Rs.12,325/- as on 27-07-2014. His superannuation is on 31-10-2017. He is here-in-after referred to as Government Servant.

CHARGE:

That the Government Servant, Sri M.Ramesh babu. while he was working as Forest Section Officer, Integrated Check Post, Naraharipeta Chittoor District from 23-11-2012 to 27-07-2014, he has committed grave misconduct in as much as his particulars are not at all noted during the shift period in the attendance register, but on physical verification he is found present. On questioning by the DSP as to why he did not enter his attendance in the register, the SO-IV stated that he came late to the check post as such he filed to enter his attendance on the date of surprise check and thereby contravened Rule 3 (1) and (2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 .

FACTS & EVIDENCE;

On 27-07-2014 from 00-10 AM to 07-30 AM Surprise Check was conducted by a Team of officials of Anti Corruption Bureau, Tirupati at the integrated Check post, Naraharipeta.

A Total of 12 persons were present at the office at the time of search of Integrated Check Post by Anti Corruption Bureau team. (1) Boddikura Hari Krishna, S/o.Late B.V.Krishnaiah, age 48 years, Assistant Commercial Tax officer, Integrated Check Post, Naraharipet, R/o.D.No.39/431-6-13, OM Shanthi Nagar, Kadapa Town, Cell: 99498 37615, (2) Krishnaiah Anandan, S/o.Krishnaiah, age 50 years, Assistant Commercial Tax Officer, Integrated Check Post, Naraharipet, R/o.Iruvaram Village, Chittoor Town, Cell No 94906 09144, (3) Nagaram Chandrasekhara Yoganandam, S/o.Late N. Chandrasekharan, age 43 years, Senior Assistant, Integrated Check Post, Naraharipet, R/o.D.No.28-302, F Cross, Ramnagar Colony, Chittoor, Cell: 94900 29453, (4) Srinivasapuram Venugopal, S/o.Late S. Venugopal, age 49 years Senior Assistant, Integrated Check Post Naraharipet, Chittoor, R/o. D.No.20-475, ASM Street, Mittur, Chittoor, Cell No.94407 47980, (5) Maddileti Muniraja, S/o. Late Jayaram, age 53 years, Office Subordinate, Integrated Check Post, Narajiaripet, Chittoor, R/o. Bharat Nagar, Chittoor Town, Cell: 81065 15630, (6) Karanam

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Subramanyam Pillai, S/o.late Doraswamy Pillai, age 54 years, Hamali, ICP, Naraharipet, Chittoor, R/o.Durganagar Colony, Chittoor, Cell No.94409 81977, (7) Vankavall Hari Kishore, S/o.Subramanayam, age 31 years, HCL Engineer, attending Hard ware and Net working problems, ICP, Naraharipet, Chittoor, R/o.D.No.15-112, New Colony, Pakala, Cell No.99669 65288, (8) Anand Raj, S/o.S.Anand Raj, age 39 years, Generator Operator, Veetech Diesels, Hyderabad, R/o.D.No.4-2464, Iruvaram, Chittoor Town, Cell: 99088 84224 (9) Madaka Ramesh Babu, S/o.late M.Chinna Venkata Ramana, age 57 years, Forest Section Officer, ICP, Naraharipet, Chittoor, R/o. Srinagar Colony, Palamaner Town, Chittoor District, Cell No. 94417 77175, (10) C.Changal Reddy, S/o.Peddabba Reddy, age 49 years, Assistant Market Supervisor, AMC, ICP, Naraharipet, Chittoor, R/o.Vasudevapuram Village, Penumuru Mandal, Chittoor District, Cell No:97049 91993, (11) Gali Shanmuka Reddy, S/o.late Gali Venga Reddy, age 41 years, Private Security Guard, Agricultural Market Committee, ICP, Naraharipet, R/o.Turpupalli village and post, Penumuru Mandal, Chittoor District, Cell:94402 46644 and (12) Mohiddin Subhan Rahimuddin Khan, S/o.late M.Subhankhan, age 55 years, Deputy Tahsildar, ICP, Naraharipet, Chittoor, R/o.15-1596, Lalu garden street, Chittoor Town, Cell No 99631 87644, are found in the said office.

Then the DSP, ACB verified the Duty register/attendance register.

With regard to the Forest department, the attendance particulars are not at all noted during this shift period, but on physical verification it is found that one M.Ramesh Babu, FSO is present. On questioning by the DSP as to why he did not enter his attendance in the register, the FSO stated that he came late to the check post as such he failed to enter his attendance.

Thus the Government Servant, Sri M.Ramesh Babu by his above mentioned act has exhibited, lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct, unbecoming of Government Servant and thereby violated Rule 3 (1) and (2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

The Government Servant has therefore rendered himself liable for regular Departmental Action, for Major penalty.

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ANNEXURE - III

LIST OF WITNESSES :-

1. Sri Kasi Janardhan Reddy, S/o K.Narasimha Reddy, age 38 years. Head Master, PNC Municipal Corporation High School, Santhapeta, Chittoor Town, R/o D.No.1-578/IIA, Reddy & Reddy Colony, Kattamanci, Chittoor Town, Cell: 94917 82179.
2. Sri Edadala Krishnaiah, S/o.E.Gurrappa, age 58 years, Head Master, Municipal Corporation High School, Gandlapalli, Kongareddypalli, Chittoor, R/o.2/475-9A, Sri Bapuji Nagar, Kongareddypalli, Chittoor Town, Cell: 94402 71015.
3. Sri Duddukuru Kumar, S/o.D.Baktavatsalu, age 39 years. Sr.Asst., O/o.DEO, Chittoor, R/o.New Balaji Colony, Chittoor, Cell: 94401 60108.
4. Varadarajulu Ganesh Ramana, S/o.Late V.Ganeshan, age 50 years, Sr. Asst., O/o.DEO, Chittoor, R/o.D.No.14/103, Kayanikattu Street, Chittoor, Cell: 94415 95698.
5. Sri R.Vijay Paul, DSP., ACB, Vijayawada.
6. Sri P.S.V.Rama Kishore, Inspector of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Tirupati Range, Tirupati. (Investigating Officer)
7. Sri S.Venkaiah, Dy.Commissioner (CT), (FAC), Chittoor Division, Chittoor.
8. Sri M.Basi Reddy, Dy.Transport Commissioner, Chittoor.
9. Sri K.Giribabu, Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Vepenjeri, Head quarters, Penumur, Chittoor District.
10. Sri Gottimukkala Nagendra Naga Parasad, S/o.G.Simhachalam, age 32 years, Lorry Driver, Hanuman Junction, Krisna District, Cell: 90103 58358.
11. Narasimhulu Chandra Babu, S/o.Mallaiah, age 40 years, lorry driver, Gaddur Village, Kuramai Post, Palamaner Mandal, cell: 90525 93463.
12. Thathala Nagaraja Reddy, S/o.T.Venkat Reddy, age 47 years, Supervisor, lorry bearing No.AP03 TA8487, Raghavareddypalli village, Gangadhara Nellore Mandal, Chittoor District, Cell: 93978 47922.
13. Mukkandla Suresh, S/o.M.Akkulappa, age 25 years, Eicher Vehicle Cleaner, Marlapalli Village, Thanekallu Mandal, Ananthapur District, Cell: 90000 59806.
14. D.Narasimha Raju, S/o.D.Suryanarayana Raju, age 58 years, High School Road, Ballaiah Chowdary Street, Vijayawada, Cell: 97002 42444 .
15. M.Malleswara Rao, S/o.Simhachalam, age 32 years, Hanuman Junction, Hanuman Nagar, Krishna District, Cell: 90103 5358.
16. G.Sudhakar, S/o.Govindaraj, age 28 years, Lorry Driver, Cehhlapalli Village, Gudipala Mandal, Cell: 72991 82413.
17. C.Umapathi, S/o.Chinnappa Mudihaliyar, age 48 years, Lorry Driver, D.No.6, Saivankoil Street, Chittoor, Cell: 98944 68412.
18. K.Venkata Ramana, S/o.K.Subbaiah, age 40 years, Reddyvaripalli, Galiveedu Mandal, Kadapa District, Cell: 93823 92466.
19. M. Vijaya Kumar, S/o.M.Gopalam, age 42 years, Singh Nagar, Vijayawada, Cell: 92479 39999.

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A N N E X U R E - IV

List of Records / Documents :

1) Original Surprise Check proceedings drafted on 27-07-2014 from 00-10 AM to 07-30 AM at the Integrated Check Post, Naraharipeta, Chittoor District.

2) Duty Register / Attendance Register of Integrated Check Post, Naraharipeta, Chittoor District.

3) Personal Cash declaration Register of Integrated Check Post, Naraharipeta, Chittoor District.

4) User Charges Register of Commercial Department of Integrated Check post, Chittoor District.

5) Government Cash Register of Agriculture Marketing Committee of Integrated Check Post, Narharipet Chittoor District.

6) Visiting Officers Registers of Commercial Tax of Integrated Check Post, Naraharipeta, Chittoor District.

7) Visiting Officers Register of Transport Department of Integrated check Post, Naraharipeta, Chittoor District.

8) Reply letter in Rc.No.Bl/164/2014, dated 11-08-2014 of Dy.Commissioner (CT), FAC, Chittoor Division, Chittoor.

9) Reply letter in Rc.No.90/2014, dated 12-08-2014 of A.M.C, Penumur.

10) Reply letter No.4129/A1/2014, dated 07-08-2014 of Dy.Transport Commissioner, Chittooor.

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